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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred Friday, March 20, 2015 in the 1000 Block of Tuscaloosa Avenue.

The victim has been identified as:
Lemarkus Hamilton, B/M, 19, of Birmingham, Alabama

On Friday, March 20, 2015 around 4:10 p.m., West Precinct officers responded to the listed location on a person shot. Upon arrival, officers observed the victim lying at the bottom of the apartment steps suffering from what appeared to be gunshot wounds to the head and stomach area. The victim was treated at the scene by Birmingham Fire and Rescue and transported to UAB Hospital for treatment. On Sunday, March 22, 2015 the victim died from his injuries.

Our preliminary investigation revealed that the incident started when the victim got into an argument with his mother's boyfriend and the suspect got involved in the argument by grabbing the victim in a bear hug. After a short struggle, several witnesses reported seeing the suspect shoot the victim a couple of times before leaving the scene on foot. The suspect was later apprehended a couple blocks away by officers.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, they are encouraged to contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 254-1764 or Crime Stoppers @ 254-7777.